

—THE—
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Receipts and Expenditures
OF THE
TOWN OF SHARON,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1890.
TO WHICH IS ADDED THE
REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH, TRUSTEES OF
PUBLIC LIBRARY, TRUSTEES OF SCHOOL
FUND AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.
ALSO THE
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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AND RESIDENCE.	PERSONAL ESTATE.	REAL ESTATE.	TOTAL TAX.
....., Boston.....	1,000	7,550	94 05
....., 1,000, pumping station and water tower 6,500, house 200, land 2 a. 850.....			
Sibley, John L., Boston.....		150	1 65
House-lot, Tolman st., 9,310 ft., 150.			
Silloway, Jacob, Est., Canton.....		1,218	13 40
Hardy house 400, Mills house 500, house-lot, Quincy st., $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 38, pasture 14 a. 280.....			
Smith, Frank P., Stoughton.....		180	1 98
Woodland 12 a. 180.....			
Smith, Lemuel, Stoughton....		160	1 76
Woodland 8 a. 160.....			
Smith, Metcalf, So. Walpole.....		555	6 11
Pasture 8 a. 120, woodland 13 a. 435.			
Smith, John N. Est., So. Walpole....		1,345	14 80
Tillage 3 a. 105, pasture 16 a. 240, woodland 40 a. 1,000.....			
Snow, Dwight M., William T. Snow agent, Boston.....		350	3 85
Woodland 14 a. 350.....			
Snow, Harriot Est.....		375	4 13
House 350, house-lot, Mansfield st., $\frac{1}{4}$ a. 25			
Souther, John L., Quincy.....		1,240	13 64
House, Main st., 700, barn 200, til- lage and pasture 17 a. 340.....			
Stone, Silas E. Est., Walpole.....		300	3 30
Meadow 6 a. 300.....			
Stone, Charles E., A. G. Hixon agent.		150	1 65
House-lot, Main st., $1\frac{1}{2}$ a. 150.....			
Stone, W. H., Providence, R. I.....		375	4 13
..... Main st., $1\frac{1}{4}$ a. 375.....			
.....		150	1 65
.....		700	7 70
.....		63	69
.....		1,625	17 88
..... ge $1\frac{1}{2}$ a.			

NAMES, ESTATES AND RESIDENCE.

Taylor, William, Boston.....			
House-lot. New st., 1 a. 100.....			
Talbot, Asa, Dover.....			
Woodland 13 a. 455.....			
Talbot, Jabez, Stoughton.....	412	4	53
Town woodland 6 a. 72, woodland 12 a. 240, woodland and pasture 8 a. 100.....			
Thing, S. B., Boston.....	2,100	23	10
Tillage 2 a. 600, pasture, meadow and wood 6 a. 1,500.....			
Tift, Hiram B., Stoughton.....	\$110	458	6 25
Horse 25, 2 cows 60, cov. wagon 25, barn 300, tillage 2½ a. 88, woodland 7 a. 70.....			
Tisdale, Hannah.....	100	1	10
Woodland 20 a. 100.....			
Tolman, Lizzie E., Augusta, Me.....	364	4	00
Billings woodland 21 a. 315, cedar swamp 7 a. 49.....			
Tolman, Walter S.....	96	1	06
Ide woodland 6 a. 96.....			
Tolman, Joseph, Est., Canton.....	1,560	17	16
Woodland 78 a. 1,560.....			
Turner, Willard P., Foxboro.	6,285	69	14
House, Main st., 500, barn and cran- berry house 500, Derry land 2 a. 80, Boyden land 7 a. 105, Clapp flowage 2¾ a. 40, Plimpton flowage 4 a. 60, cranberry meadow 27 a. 5,000.....			
Tucker, Sydney A., Providence, R. I..	725	7	98
House, Ames st., 600, house-lot ½ a. 125.....			
Upham, Abner, Est. Canton.....	250	2	75
Woodland 10 a. 250.....			
Wales, Mrs. M. A. D., Randolph.....			
Woodland 22 a. 440, woodland 4½ a. 68.....			
Wattles, Joseph W., Canton.....			
Tillage 8 a. 600.....			
Welch, Joseph H. Est., Providence, R.			
Tillage and wood, Main st., 10 800.....			



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REPORT.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1890.

For	Support of town's poor,	\$1400 00
"	town officers,	900 00
"	support of schools,	3000 00
"	school books and supplies,	250 00
"	repair of school-houses,	250 00
"	interest,	500 00
"	highways, town-ways and bridges,	2000 00
"	decorating soldiers' graves,	50 00
"	water supply,	1200 00
"	sidewalks,	400 00
"	care of town clock,	25 00
"	fire department,	300 00
"	enforcing liquor law,	200 00
"	altering fountain,	50 00
"	lighting hall stage,	100 00
"	head stones for soldiers' graves,	12 00
"	repairing Highland street,	125 00
"	building new street from Pond to Main street,	606 00
"	" " " " Main to Boyden,	350 00
"	repairing Gunhouse street,	100 00
"	county tax,	807 47
"	state tax,	1050 00
"	overlayings,	44 70

 \$13,720 17

Deduct for corporation tax, 1890,

50 00

 \$13,670 17

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VALUATION OF THE TOWN.

Personal Estate,	\$218,087 00	
Real Estate,	952,383 00	
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No. of Polls, male, 397 at \$2.00 each,	\$794 00	
“ “ female, 2 at 50c. each,	1 00	
Tax on Personal Estate,	2,398 96	
“ Real Estate,	10,476 21	
	<hr/>	13,670 17

Rate, \$11.00 on \$1,000.00

57 females assessed a Poll Tax Oct. 1, 1890

No. of Horses,	283
“ “ Cows,	312
“ “ neat Cattle other than Cows,	87
“ “ Swine,	74
“ “ Sheep,	3
“ “ Dwelling Houses,	353
“ “ Tax-payers,	708
“ “ Property Tax-payers,	530
“ “ Poll Tax only,	178

ASSETS.

Property of the Town not considered available for transfer in paying debts :

Almshouse establishment (land and buildings),	\$3,500 00
Inventory at Almshouse,	982 04
Centre School-house and lands,	4,000 00
East “ “ “	1,650 00
West “ “ “	2,000 00
North “ “ “	950 00
South “ “ “	900 00
School property and text-books,	550 00
Public Library,	2,000 00
School Trust Funds,	4,910 00
Road Scraper and Screens,	50 00
Hay Scales,	225 00

Hearse,	400 00
Town House (land and building),	12,800 00
Hose House,	1,000 00
Fire apparatus,	1,300 00
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	\$37,217 04

ORDERS DRAWN ON TOWN TREASURER FOR STATE
AID PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DEC. 31st, 1890.

(Reimbursed by the state.)

Paid Bullard, Ursula M.	\$48 00
" Capen, Emily F.	48 00
" Drake, Alice M.	40 00
" Ford, Daniel W.	60 00
" Ford, Louisa S.	48 00
" Fairbanks, Eliza C.	48 00
" Godfrey, John W.	48 00
" Hardy, Emeline	48 00
" Johnson, H. Rebecca	48 00
" Johnson, Ellen B.	48 00
" M'Neill, Margaret	28 00
" Peach, Henry	13 50
" Peach, Emily	12 00
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	\$537 50

MILITARY AID.

(One-half of the military aid is reimbursed by the state.)

Paid Fuller, Nathan R.	\$72 00
" Johnson, Reuben F.	48 00
" Skinner, Warren S.	72 00
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	\$192 00

HIGHWAYS.

Paid H. F. Pollard, Superintendent,	\$ 20 15
" Edward J. Fuller, labor of self, team and men, Sec. 3,	70 30
" Lewis N. Holmes, " " " " " 4,	115 80

Paid George Richards, labor of self, team and men, Sec. 5,	68 00
" Herbert F. Pollard, " " " " " 6,	90 17
" Lewis N. Holmes, " " " " " 7,	80 95
" Dexter Packard, " " " " " 8,	119 01
" Lewis O'Leary, " " " " " 8 ¹ / ₂ ,	310 35
" John O'Leary, " " " " " 9,	141 03
" Edwin P. Davis, " " " " " 10,	126 60
" James B. Clapp, " " " " " 11,	61 05
" Esrom Morse, " " " " " 12,	123 13
" Abijah Tisdale, " " " " " 13, 14,	68 00
" C. W. Smith, " " " " " 15,	27 00
" C. E. Howard, " " " " " 16,	69 75
" H. Frank Leonard, " " " " " 17,	53 70
" " " " " " 18,	64 96
" Fred H. Baker, " " " " " 19,	69 00
" H. Frank Leonard, " " " " " 20,	92 25
" Fred H. Baker, " " " " " 21,	63 15
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	\$1,834 35

HIGHWAYS EXTRA.

T. O'Leary (Ball-ground, so called),	\$10 85
H. F. Pollard, " "	22 70
E. P. Davis, Woodland street,	16 50
" " Maple avenue,	68 00
Abijah Tisdale, Mountain street,	24 75
Benjamin Gannett, lumber and labor,	5 74
Lewis O'Leary, fixing drive-way to land, Dudley Hill,	5 00
Fred Endicott, surveys and plans, " "	16 30
L. H. Shepard, cost of fence on Woodland street,	21 00
P. H. Baker, 25 maple trees,	15 00
T. O'Leary, labor on Main and Pond streets, at the ends of the new street,	27 87
F. D. Williams, drain pipe,	12 24
D. W. Pettee, " "	71 98
Repairs on Stillman H. Morse's house caused by altering grade of street,	15 91
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	\$333 84

GUIDE-BOARDS.

Charles E. Hall, for painting,	\$3 50
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NEW STREET FROM POND TO MAIN STREET.

Paid Mrs. Sarah McMillen, land damage,	\$80 00
“ Samuel N. Snow, “ “	56 00
“ Timothy O’Leary for building the same,	695 00
“ Samuel N. Snow, labor,	1 50
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	\$832 50

NEW STREET FROM MAIN TO BOYDEN STREET.

Paid Timothy O’Leary for building the same,	\$350 00
(Received from E. C. Boyden, and paid into the Town Treasury, fifty dollars towards building the same.)	

SURVEYS AND *PLANS OF NEW STREETS.

Paid Esrom Morse,	\$12 00
“ Fred Endicott,	26 20
“ E. B. Thorndike for printing notices,	2 00
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	\$40 20

SNOW BILLS.

Paid W. W. Brooks for breaking out road, 1887,	\$3 00
“ Lewis O’Leary, cleaning sidewalks, 1889,	2 25
“ A. Alden Carpenter, cleaning sidewalks, 1889,	2 00
“ Timothy O’Leary, “ “ “	90
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	\$8 15

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Paid H. F. Pollard, repairs on Highland street,	\$85 41
“ John O’Leary, widening corner of Gun-house and Beach streets,	104 00
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	\$189 41

SIDEWALKS.

Paid J. E. Johnson, labor on Station street,	\$2 00
" John O'Leary, " " "	4 50
" Timothy O'Leary, one-half cost of sidewalk opposite Lake View Hotel,	36 15
" Timothy O'Leary, carting stone to Billings street,	1 03
" S. I. and Literary Association, one-half cost on Billings and Main streets,	45 67
" S. I. and Literary Association, one-half cost on Chest- nut street,	13 25
" Edwin P. Davis, cost of sidewalk on Maple avenue,	27 50
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	\$130 10

(Reimbursed on Maple avenue, \$16.81.)

FIRE DEPARTMENT SUPPLIES.

Paid D. W. Pettee, supplies,	\$9 45
" C. E. Howard, wood for hose house,	3 88
" S. A. Stone, blacksmith's labor,	2 00
" A. S. Johnson, merchandise,	5 00
" E. R. Curtis, "	1 00
" A. J. Morse, "	25 00
" W. H. Delano, "	5 00
" O. H. Derry, repairs,	1 40
" H. S. Capen, use of building for Hose Carriage No. 3,	10 00
" J. W. Godfrey, for printing,	3 00
" Benj. Gannett, team for engineers,	5 25
" G. H. Hixon, cash paid for supplies,	16 75
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	\$87 73

PAY OF MEN.

Paid C. A. Hixson, Clerk of Engineers, pay of firemen to April 30, 1890,	\$170 00
" George H. McMillen,	2 50
" Daniel McNair,	3 00
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	\$175 50

INQUEST BAILEY FIRE.

Paid for witness and court fees,	\$50 80
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COMMITTEE CHOSEN TO ENFORCE LIQUOR LAW.

Paid J. A. Bowman as per bill,	\$46 50
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FOUNTAIN.

Paid Henry F. Jenks for altering fountain,	\$20 00
“ for sundry small bills for same,	4 27
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	\$24 27

WATER.

Paid Sharon Water Co. one year's supply,	\$1,200 00
“ “ “ “ for fountain supply,	20 00
“ “ “ “ labor and stock moving hydrant	
on Main street,	21 85
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	\$1,241 85

TOWN HALL EXPENSES.

Paid J. W. Godfrey, janitor's services for one year,	\$85 02
“ Home Gas Machine Co., gasoline,	41 92
“ H. Frank Leonard, coal,	72 45
“ D. W. Pettee, goods,	3 75
“ G. H. Hixon, “	4 40
“ Walworth Manufacturing Co., gasoline,	10 61
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	\$218 15
Credit for use of hall,	63 25
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	\$154 90

TOWN HOUSE REPAIRS.

Paid Cyrus Carpenter & Co., repairs on furnaces,	\$76 41
" James E. Hooper, stock and labor for lighting stage,	133 63
" Marston Sign Co., painting signs,	9 50
" W. R. Snow, stock and labor (footlights),	4 48
" " " " " repairs on steps,	2 12
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	\$226 14

HOSE HOUSE REPAIRS.

Paid for chestnut plank,	\$4 02
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HOSE HOUSE No. 3.

Paid F. J. Sawyer, building stone wall,	\$10 00
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MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid P. M. Withington, voting shelves,	\$12 00
" Town of Stoughton, for setting line-post on Bay st.,	2 50
" George Richards, burial permits,	3 50
" Richard Johnson, " "	2 75
" Silas A. Stone, labor on town scales,	2 25
" " " cash paid for constable and police badges,	5 25
" " " Overseers of Poor book, postage, sta- tionery, etc.,	12 08
" E. B. Thorndike, printing Town Reports,	85 00
" " " " Warrants,	5 00
" " " " and advertising Dog Notices,	4 00
" Pratt & Bros., " Assessors' notices,	1 25
" J. W. Godfrey, " State Aid receipts,	1 50
" William Bense " Assessors' Notices to towns,	2 50
" Geo. H. Hixon, cash paid for incidentals,	12 08
" C. S. Curtis, for making three warrant boxes,	3 00
" C. F. Bryant, Treas., money voted for Decoration Day,	50 00
" J. E. Johnson, care of town clock,	25 00
" J. P. Hewins, stationery, postage, etc.,	7 95
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	\$237 61

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Geo. H. Hixon, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	\$264 00
" Benj. Gannett, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	145 00
" Silas A. Stone, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor,	204 40
" Silas Poole, Auditor, 1889,	3 00
" Elmer E. Narramore, "	2 00
" Joel P. Hewins, services as Treasurer,	125 00
" " " recording marriages,	15 15
" " " Town Clerk one year,	30 00
" " " registration of voters to May 1, 1890,	8 00
" Geo. H. Whittemore, " " " "	8 00
" Frank H. Frye, " " " "	8 00
" Solomon Talbot, " " " "	6 00
" Geo. H. Hixon, Sealer of Weights and Measures,	10 00
" Patrick Mansfield, Inspector,	2 50
" Walter H. Delano, "	2 50
" Fred H. Baker, Deputy Inspector,	2 50
" S. W. Billings, Teller,	3 50
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	\$839 55

CONSTABLE AND POLICE.

Paid C. S. Curtis, Constable, enforcing dog notices and horse hire,	\$41 00
" " " Constable, services from June 1 to March 1, 1890,	25 00
" " " Police, July 4 and 5, 1890,	5 00
" " " Police services and team Sundays,	112 00
" " " expense with tramps,	7 00
" J. W. Hemenway, Police Sundays with team,	80 50
" W. J. Buckley, Police 4th and 5th, 1890,	5 00
" Warren Johnson, " " " "	5 00
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	\$280 50

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1890.

ALMSHOUSE PAYMENTS.

Paid Geo. F. Page, Supt. Town Farm, balance due for services,	\$54 13	
Cash paid,	42	
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" John T. Moody, Supt. 9 months,		150 00
" S. A. Stone, labor,		10 31
" John Smithwick, medical attendance to April 1, 1890,		30 00
" " " " " Nov. 1, "		17 50
" William O'Neill, labor,		24 25
" George F. Gay, goods,		134 78
" W. W. Brooks, "		47 90
" Long Bros., "		209 45
" Geo. H. Hixon, "		105 16
" D. W. Pettee, "		61 25
" Spear Bros., "		7 91
" Dexter Packard, shotes,		4 50
" for clothing for J. D. Talbot's family,		7 50
" J. McIntosh for repairing shoes for inmates,		1 00
" H. Frank Leonard, for coal,		3 25
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		\$869 31

CREDITS.

By boarding and lodging 196 persons,	\$39 20
Cash in hands of Supt. Jan. 1, 1891,	77 80
" received for board,	6 00
Proceeds from Farm for fowls sold,	11 60
" " " " telegraph poles,	11 25
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	\$145 85
Number of weeks of inmates, 252.	

TOWN FARM REPAIRS, TOOLS AND FURNITURE.

Paid E. P. Clapp, lumber,	\$13 50
" D. M. Goodrich, chain pump,	6 75
" Wm. R. Snow, labor and stock,	7 86
" J. Breck & Sons, plow and garden seeds,	9 80
" Chamber set and straw matting,	21 91
" Parker & Wood, ribbon wire and carting,	9 50
" for stove pipe,	2 00
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	\$71 32

ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital, board of E. W. D. Johnson,	\$169 46
" Danvers " " " Margaret F. Bagley,	57 10
" Benj. Gannett, for moving Mrs. J. D. Talbot and family from Hudson,	20 00
" " " Cash for car fare for the same,	4 00
" P. M. Withington, casket for Samuel H. Drake's child,	6 00
" Town of Hudson, aid furnished to J. D. Talbot's family,	6 66
" C. T. Derry, house rent for Mrs. Martin Conoly,	60 00
" Geo. I. Ross, M. D., for medical attendance to J. D. Talbot's child,	5 00
" Geo. H. Hixon, goods delivered William Stone,	98
" Richard Johnson, for digging grave for Fred Loring,	1 25
" H. A. Lothrop Manfg. Co., house rent for Mrs. J. D. Talbot, 2 months,	10 00
" H. F. Leonard, coal delivered Mrs. Martin Conoly,	13 50
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	\$353 95

MRS. J. B. HARTIG.

Paid Geo. H. Hixon, goods,	\$66 96
" L. W. Morse, for wood, milk, eggs, etc.,	18 09
" D. W. Pettee,	9 19
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	\$94 24

ISAAC E. SHEPARDSON.

Paid Geo. H. Hixon, goods,	3 50
" D. W. Pettee, "	11 00
" S. A. Stone, cash,	2 00
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	\$16 50

(Reimbursed by the Town of Mansfield.)

THOMAS SAWYER.

Paid for medical attendance and nursing,	\$6 00
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(Reimbursed by the State.)

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN OF SHARON, JAN. 1, 1891.

Trustees of Sharon Friends' School Fund,	\$2,360 00
" " Dorchester and Surplus Revenue Fund,	2,550 00
" " Sharon Public Library, bequest of Russell Drake,	300 00
" " Sharon Public Library, bequest of Eliza G. Perkins,	500 00
Notes due to Julia C. Hopkins,	1,000 00
" " Emeline Hardy,	400 00
" " Ester L. Leonard,	120 00
" " John Welch,	280 00
" " B. D. Capen,	900 00
" " Aimee Howard,	400 00
" " Geo. F. Howard,	400 00
" " Benj. S. Leonard,	1,400 00
" " Joel P. Hewins,	800 00
" " M. J. Tolman,	100 00
" " Mary Welch,	500 00
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	\$12,010 00
Due Town Officers,	750 00
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Total Liabilities,	\$12,760 00

AVAILABLE ASSETS, JAN. 1, 1891.

Cash in Treasury,	\$3,311 19
Uncollected taxes of 1889,	30 77
" " " 1890,	3,542 43
Due for State and Military Aid payments,	633 50
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Total Assets,	\$7,517 89
Town Debt over Assets,	\$5,242 11

The Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor beg leave to make the above report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1890.

As will be seen by the report, the Town Debt has been reduced \$624.89.

There has been expended for New Streets the past season over \$1,200.00.

Special appropriations made for repairs and alterations of streets, \$189.41.

There have been alterations and repairs at the Town House at a cost of over \$200.00.

We must bear in mind also that there have been appropriations of money at special meetings in the year 1890, to the amount of \$1,100.00, that, of course, will have to come into the 1891 assessment.

It would seem that there would be a call at the annual meeting for an appropriation to build more school-room, therefore great care should be used in making the appropriations for this year.

A word about our town farm. We had, the first nine months of 1890, six inmates; at the present time we have none.

Mrs. Talbot and children have moved away, as we thought it best to find her house rent and fuel away from the Almshouse, as it is not a proper place to bring up a family of children if it is possible to have them help to support themselves away. Mrs. Talbot wished to try it and we willingly gave her all the chance we could, and so far it has proved a success.

Mr. Moody, the present Superintendent, will leave the first of April, having engaged himself and wife for one year to other parties

in town. The Overseers feel very sorry, as they were in hopes that he would stay at the Farm. He has proved to be the right man for the situation. The Farm has improved under his administration, and both himself and wife have shown a disposition to keep expenses down and make the Farm help support itself. It will be no easy job to fill their place.

GEORGE H. HIXON,
BENJAMIN GANNETT,
SILAS A. STONE,

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor.

SHARON, Feb. 5, 1891.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
OF THE
SHARON FRIENDS' SCHOOL FUND.

The amount of the Fund is \$2,360.00, and the Trustees hold a note of the Town Treasurer for that amount. The interest for the year ending Dec. 31, 1890 (\$141.60), has been received and paid to the Town Treasurer for the support of schools.

D. W. PETTEE,
For the Trustees.

SHARON, Feb. 2, 1891.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
OF THE
DORCHESTER ^{AND} SURPLUS REVENUE FUND.

Amount of Fund in our hands, \$2,550.00, in a town note at 6 per cent. Received as interest on the above, up to Jan. 1, 1891, \$153.00, and paid to the Town Treasurer.

C. D. HIXON.
For the Trustees,

SHARON, Feb. 2, 1891.

REPORT

OF THE

TREASURER OF THE TOWN OF SHARON,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1890.

DR.

To balance in the Treasury,	\$2,232 19
Received on Tax of 1889,	4,112 40
" " 1890,	1,058 94
" Interest from Sharon Friends' School Fund,	141 60
" " " Dorchester and Surplus Revenue Fund,	153 00
" " " Eliza G. Perkins' bequest to Public Library,	25 00
" " " Russell Drake bequest to Public Library,	15 00
" from State School Fund,	158 76
" " School Committee,	1 28
" " Corporation Tax of 1889,	26 74
" for board at Town Farm,	3 00
" " proceeds of Town Farm,	26 09
" " fines to Public Library and sale of Catalogues,	28 00
" " auction licenses,	4 00
" " use of Town Hall,	63 25
" " balance of dog licenses for 1889,	295 41
" amount paid by E. C. Boyden, as per agreement, in building new road,	50 00
" am't reimbursed for aid to J. E. Shepardson,	16 50
" " overcharged bill by Town of Foxboro,	3 00
" use of hay scales, year 1889,	8 36
" " " " 1890,	12 00
" borrowed money,	3,000 00
" Corporation Tax,	1,204 19

Received National Bank Tax,	500 92
“ State Aid,	83 00
“ “ “	315 00
“ support of State paupers,	6 00
“ one-half expenses on sidewalks,	16 81
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	\$22,560 44

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Paid on Selectmen's orders,	\$9,305 49
“ “ School Committee bills,	4,113 11
“ “ Public Library bills,	360 87
“ interest to Sharon Friends' School Fund,	141 60
“ “ “ Dorchester and Surplus Revenue Fund,	153 00
“ “ “ Public Library on Eliza G. Perkins bequest,	25 00
“ “ “ Public Library on Russell Drake bequest,	15 00
“ “ on other notes,	256 47
“ insurance,	21 25
“ State Tax,	1,050 00
“ County Tax,	807 46
“ borrowed money,	3,000 00
“ balance in the Treasury,	3,311 19
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	\$22,560 44

J. P. HEWINS,
Treasurer.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

1889.

Balance due Jan. 1, 1890,

\$4,192 81

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Jan. 4, '90.	Paid J. P. Hewins, Treas.,	\$700 52	
" 9, '90.	" " " "	560 00	
" 18, '90.	" " " "	800 00	
" 31, '90.	" " " "	550 00	
Feb. 17, '90.	" " " "	350 00	
Mar. 10, '90.	" " " "	225 00	
Apr. 1, '90.	" " " "	525 00	
May 3, '90.	" " " "	250 00	
Sept. 16, '89.	Abatement on personal property (Cheever),	3 00	
Dec. 31, '90.	Paid J. P. Hewins,	151 82	
			\$4,115 34
Balance due,			77 47
Jun. 7, '91.	Abatement on poll taxes,	\$46.00	
	" real estate,	.70	
			46 70
			\$30 77

DEXTER PACKARD, *Collector.*

SHARON, Jan. 1, 1891.

1890.

To amount committed,

\$13,670 17

Sept. 11, '90.	Paid J. P. Hewins, Treas.,	\$800 00
" 25, '90.	" " " "	500 00
Oct. 9, '90.	" " " "	325 00
" 18, '90.	" " " "	600 00
Nov. 7, '90.	" " " "	800 00
" 15, '90.	" " " "	500 00

Nov. 22, '90.	Paid J. P. Hewins, Treas.,	550 00	
Dec. 4, '90.	" " " "	433 94	
" 15, '90.	" " " "	750 00	
" 29, '90.	" " " "	700 00	
" 20, '90.	" " " "	550 00	
" 30, '90.	" " " "	725 00	
" 31, '90.	" " " " \$1,450,		
	\$500, \$875,	2,825 00	
Six abatements,		68 80	
		<hr/>	\$10,127 74
Balance due,			<hr/> \$3,542 43

DEXTER PACKARD, *Collector.*

SHARON, Jan. 1, 1891.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

JANUARY 19, 1891.

The Auditors chosen for the year ending Dec. 30, 1890, hereby certify that they have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer of the Town of Sharon, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for.

A. D. COLBURN,
ELMER E. MARSHALL,
E. E. NARAMORE,
Auditors.

BIRTHS

REGISTERED IN SHARON IN 1890.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX	NAMES OF PARENTS.
Jan. 23, '90	Joseph A. Prew.	M	Thomas N. and Sarah E. Prew.
April 16, '89	Mary E. Burkett.	F	Geo. H. and Martha H. Burkett.
Nov. 4, '89	William H. Clarke.	M	William H. and Agnes Clarke.
June 26, '89	Kenneth L. Crocker.	M	Alfred B. and Kate A. Crocker.
July 7, '89	Ethel M. Niles.	F	Samuel and Eliza H. Niles.
May 15, '90	Carl W. Pollard.	M	Henry M. and Amelia H. Pollard.
Oct. 11, '86	Frank H. Dorr.	M	Oscar L. and Nancy L. Dorr.
Jan. 6, '88	Julia Maguire.	F	Thomas P. and Anna Maguire.
March 6, '89	Edward P. Maguire.	M	Thomas P. and Anna Maguire.
May 6, '90	Thomas Maguire.	M	Thomas and Anna Maguire.
June 23, '90	— Neilson.	F	Authon and Hansein Neilson.
July 21, '90	Theodore Hedrig.	M	George and Laura Hedrig.
“ 31, '90	— Peach.	M	William and Eliza Peach.
Feb. 8, '89	Olive L. Wilbur.	F	Charles H. and Abba Wilbur.
“ 10, '90	Carrie A. Curtis.	F	Charles S. and Clara E. Curtis.
Dec. 1, '90	— Porrier.	M	Joseph and Eliza Porrier.
Nov. 18, '90	Timothy Regan.	M	Thomas and Ellen Regan.
April 26, '90	Pauline Shepard.	F	Horace S. and Annie M. Shepard.
Sept. 11, '90	Howard Mason Wood.	M	Nathan C. and Hattie L. Wood.

DEATHS

REGISTERED IN SHARON IN 1890.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	
Jan. 6	Calvin Turner.	90	8	2	Old age.
Jan. 23	Joseph A. Prew.			1	General debility.
" 27	Nelson Drake.	67	5	8	Pneumonia.
" 26	Mary M. Reymond.	43			Consumption.
" 27	Rufus Curtis.	89	9		Old age.
Feb. 27	Lydia D. Ellsworth.	65			Gall stones.
Mar. 5	Elizabeth Bailey.	90	6		Old age.
April 5	Ellwood Davis.		3		Tuberculosis.
Mar. 17	Maggie A. Billman.	29	3		Consumption.
Jan. 30	Charles Shurlson.	29	11		"
Apr. 15	Benjamin S. Leonard.	80	11	13	Apoplexy.
" 21	H. Irene Hemenway.	32	11	30	Heart Disease.
" 11	Henry Bertram.	2			Drowned.
May 2	Ardelia E. Cook.	42	5	12	Pneumonia.
" 19	Bartholomew O'Leary.	70			"
" 28	Johannah Callan.	52	6		Heart disease.
Jan. 7	Eliza A. Holmes.	88	7	2	Old age.
May 31	John M. Bullard.	55	2	11	Pneumonia.
July 3	Eliza Doyle.	23			Consumption.
" 21	Lottie M. Wood.	1	9		Teething.
" 21	Joseph Holmes.	76	1	2	Kidney disease.
Aug. 6	Ellen F. Manning.	30			Bright's disease.
" 10	Alexander McLean.	69			Pneumonia.
" 18	Frederic Loring.		9	1	Cholera morbus.
July 31	Patrick Gomly.	14			Drowned.
Aug. 23	James N. Burrell.	56			Pneumonia.
July 14	John Smith.	64			Heart disease.
Aug. 29	Thomas Maguire.		3	23	Cholera Infantum.
" 17	Kata E. Regan.		10	24	" "
Sept. 8	Mahala K. Paul.	83	5		Railroad accident.
" 17	Susan L. Abbott.	82			Old age.
" 8	George M. Dow.	26			Not reported.
" 1	John F. Berry.	2			Measles.
" 16	Edith Clark.		3	16	General debility.
Oct. 1	Henry Peach.	65	4		Tumor.
Aug. 6	Henry Haynes.	1	7	8	Not reported.
Nov. 8	George F. Gay.	4	11	5	" "
Oct. 28	Julia A. Smith.	81	10	20	Paralysis.

MARRIAGES.

RECORDED IN SHARON IN 1890.

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- January 16, 1890, Henry A. Myrick of Tonewanda, N. Y., and Clara P. Morse of Sharon.
- January 1, 1890, Frank Lampry of Sharon and Mary Cameron.
- March 18, 1890, John Loomer of Foxboro and Angela S. Sumner of Foxboro.
- June 30, 1890, Augustus L. Bowman of Sharon and Lucy Denison of Canton.
- July 2, 1890, Frank H. Swan of Winchester and Alice E. Rose of Winchester.
- August 6, 1890, William O. Arnold of Sharon and Bertha M. Bryant of Sharon.
- August 28, 1890, Daniel F. McDonald of Sharon and Nora P. Butler of North Easton.
- October 15, 1890, Daniel J. White, Jr., of Foxboro and Cora Torrey of Sharon.
- October 20, 1890, Roswell W. Fish of Sharon and Annie M. McNeill of Sharon.
- October 29, 1890, Otis E. Harwood of Sharon and Edith J. Gilbert of Ware.
- October 29, 1890, Eustace Stock of Norwood and Laura E. Cobb of Sharon.
- November 27, 1890, Lester Cushing of West Newton and Nettie J. Davenport of Sharon.
- November 29, 1890, James M. Davison of Stoughton and Hattie F. Bolles of Sharon.
- George A. O'Neill of Sharon and Bertha F. Boyden of Sharon.

J. P. HEWINS,

Town Clerk.

REPORT OF ENGINEERS
OF THE
SHARON FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of the Town of Sharon.

GENTLEMEN :

During the past year the department has been called out but twice ; on the night of January 28th for a slight fire in the hen house of W. T. Leonard, on Billings street. Cause of fire overheated lamp. Loss slight.

On December 15th, at 12 o'clock, M., the house of C. H. Munroe, situated on the Bay Road, five miles from Sharon Centre, was burned. No alarm reached us. The house with contents was a total loss. Cause of fire unknown. After due consideration we thought it necessary to hold an inquest.

On December 29th at two o'clock, A. M., an alarm was rung in for a fire in the stable of Benjamin Gannett, situated at the corner of Pond street and Maple avenue. The department responded as promptly as the snow and ice would permit, and after three hours of hard work, a portion of the buildings connected with the stable and adjoining buildings were saved. Cause of fire unknown. After a thorough investigation we decided an inquest unnecessary.

The water service for fire purposes is in good condition, as the fire of December 29th would prove, when we had a large supply.

Three Hose carriages and 1500 feet of hose are in good condition.

The Hook and Ladder truck is well equipped and ready for use at all times.

We recommend that the hose house be connected with water.

WALTER H. DELANO, Chief,
FRED L. HOLBROOK,
GEO. H. MANN, Clerk,

Board of Engineers.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1890.

The following report of the Sharon Board of Health comprises the work of the Board for the year ending Dec. 31, 1890:

During the year no formal complaints have been brought forward for the consideration of the Board. Although a few cases of nuisance, informally reported, have been investigated, and such suggestions made as seemed most applicable to the cases in question, no orders have been issued.

The death-rate for the year was considerably in excess of that of the previous year, the number reported having been thirty-seven as compared with twenty-seven for 1889, an increase of a little more than one-third.

To give a fair and impartial rendering of the unusually large death-rate for the past year, one must be advised as to the fact that a considerable number of the deaths registered (11) for 1890 were of foreign import, mostly invalids from other places.

Of the number of deaths reported, four were from consumption, five the result of old age, and six from pneumonia; two were registered as having been drowned. Among the most aged who have died, two reached the age of ninety years and over, the oldest being ninety years, eight months and two days; seven were over seventy, five of whom were above eighty; ten were under five years of age.

The Board would call attention to the following Act:

[CHAPTER 98, ACTS OF 1884.]

SECTION 1. When a householder knows that a person within his family is sick of small-pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or *any other disease dangerous to the public health*, he shall immediately give notice thereof to the selectmen or board of health of the town in which he dwells, and upon the death, recovery or removal of such person, the rooms occupied and the articles used by him shall be disinfected by such householder in a manner approved by the board of health. Any person neglecting or refusing to comply with either of the above provisions shall forfeit a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars.

ALVIN D. PACKARD, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

SHARON PUBLIC LIBRARY

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1890.

The past year has witnessed a gratifying increase in the use of the Library, the number of books loaned being 8,353, or 888 more than during the previous year.

A new system of charging has been introduced, which ensures greater speed and accuracy than the old method.

The Trustees feel it proper at the present time to urge upon the town the necessity for an additional appropriation, and for the following reasons: 1st. There are many standard works, in fiction and biography especially, which it is highly desirable that the Library should possess, and as the annual income from the dog tax and invested funds hardly leaves enough after paying running expenses to supply the best current literature, it will be impossible, without additional means, to make these much-needed purchases. Again: Since the printing of the Catalogue in 1888, so many new books have been acquired that a supplementary catalogue has become necessary. By the card-catalogue system in use, each book is properly classified and catalogued before being placed on the shelves, and further preparation for the printer is unnecessary. The estimated expense of this supplement is \$25.00.

It has also been found necessary to expend more than usual in the rebinding and replacing of worn-out books. Still more remains to be done; and the expense on this account will doubtless slightly increase from year to year, as the Library grows older and larger. Probably \$25.00 will be needed for this purpose the ensuing year.

The Trustees therefore ask that a special appropriation of \$100.00 be granted for the use of the Library.

It has been noticed that the teachers in the public schools have availed themselves quite largely of the special privileges offered them.

The Trustees would acknowledge the gifts to the Library of books from the following persons, viz. : Miss Elizabeth Morse, Hon. Elijah A. Morse, Mr. William R. Mann, and Mr. George Kempton.

The reports of the Librarian and of the Treasurer follow.

Respectfully submitted,
For the Trustees,

EDNA R. HARPER, *Secretary*.

SHARON, Jan. 10, 1891.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1890.

Number of volumes in Library,	3,214
Accessions during year,	190
Number of volumes loaned,	8,353
Agriculture,	70
Biography,	199
Fiction,	5,241
History,	312
Juvenile,	1,546
Language and Literature,	592
Science and Arts,	159
Travel and Description,	234
Number of borrowers of books,	678
Amount received for Catalogues,	\$3 75
“ “ “ fines,	28 94
Total,	<hr/> \$32 69

EMMA A. BAKER, *Librarian.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1890.

DR.

	To balance in Treasury Dec. 31, 1889,	\$34 21
Jan. 25.	" amount of dog license for 1889,	295 41
Mar. 17.	" Library fines,	8 00
July 12.	" " "	10 00
Oct. 11.	" " " and sale of Catalogues,	10 00
May 15.	" Interest from Russell Drake bequest,	15 00
July 25.	" " " Eliza G. Perkins "	25 00
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		\$397 62

CR.

1890.		
July 18.	Paid G. M. Coolidge,	\$.42
" 14.	" Little & Brown,	101 78
" 18.	" Librarian,	18 75
Feb. 13.	" D. W. Pettee,	3 54
Jan. 27.	" Barker bill,	5 00
Feb. 17.	" Little & Brown,	31 18
April 16.	" Eeles & Co. bill,	14 40
" 18.	" Librarian,	18 75
" 19.	" Little & Brown,	14 41
" 12.	" Express,	85
May 28.	" Little & Brown,	24 34
May 28.	" Library bureau,	3 80
" 15.	" " "	22 04
Jan. 4.	" " "	4 84
July 8.	" " "	7 94
" 5.	" L. M. Monk bill,	1 25
" 7.	" Librarian,	21 11
" 26.	" Library bureau,	4 19
" 26.	" " "	11 65

Sept. 13.	Paid Godfrey bill,	4 00	
Oct. 3.	" Library bureau,	11 18	
Sept. 27.	" " "	1 00	
" 27.	" " "	7 50	
" 27.	" " "	1 60	
Nov. 21.	" Eeles & Co.,	6 60	
Oct. 11.	" Librarian,	18 75	—
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		\$360 87	
Balance,		36 75	
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		\$397 62	

J. P. HEWINS,

Treasurer.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF SHARON

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1890.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

EDMUND H. TALBOT, *Chairman*,

LORING M. MONK, *Secretary*,

H. L. NARAMORE,

C. E. HOWARD,

C. F. ALLEN,

SILAS POOLE.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,

WILLARD T. LEONARD,

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

By statutory authority, the school committee is entrusted with the control and supervision of the public schools. In accordance with that authority, and fully appreciating the responsibility thus imposed, we present herewith to the citizens of the town, our report of the management of that trust during the past year.

First of all your committee beg to state that at no period in the history of our schools has there been a more satisfactory condition of affairs than that existing at the present time, a result largely due to the efficient and indefatigable work of our present corps of teachers, and the valuable assistance of our superintendent, Mr. Leonard. It has been the policy and endeavor of the committee to bring the schools of the town up to such a degree of excellence, with the limited appropriation at its command, that they will not only produce the best results, but will inspire the respect and command the united support of the citizens of the town, so that hereafter no cause can exist for parents to send their children elsewhere to receive their elementary education, or deter families from locating in our town for lack of proper educational facilities.

SCHOOLS.

The number of the schools in town is seven, viz : — High, Grammar, Primary, and the north, east, south, and west district schools.

PUPILS.

The number of children in the town on May 1st, 1890, be-									
tween the ages of 5 and 15 years, was									
									245
No. enrolled during the year									305
Average membership									225.6
Average attendance									197.3
No. attending between 5 and 15 years									270
"	"	"	8	"	14	"			172
"	"		over	15		"			35

TEACHERS.

The number of teachers employed in the schools is seven, viz : High School, Miss Gracia E. Reed ; Grammar, Miss Emma R. Merrill ; Primary, Miss Mary I. Kilborn ; North, Miss Annie M. Leonard ; East, Miss Annie B. Parker ; South, Miss Aimee J. Howard ; West, Miss Lizzie R. Hanlon.

It is not necessary to individually praise the energetic and faithful work of the teachers. They have performed their labors to the satisfaction of the Committee, and no doubt their efforts have met with the approbation of the citizens of the town. The committee were extremely fortunate in the selection of so capable and efficient teachers.

The old fundamental maxim, "As is the teacher so is the school," will forever be regarded as sound and true. In the administration of the public schools it is the first and foremost duty to select, as far as the appropriation will allow, teachers of ability and experience, and then retain them in service. It must not be forgotten that good teachers make good schools, and good schools cannot be obtained in any other way.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

The school buildings are in fairly good condition. The necessary repairs needed on some of the buildings can, we think, be made from the usual appropriation for repairs. The recent enactment of laws relating to ventilation of school-houses, will probably require

some considerable expenditure of money on the centre and high school buildings. The order for these changes has already been issued, but the matter is now in abeyance pending the action of the town in reference to a new building. Several minor orders of the Building Inspector have already been complied with.

Our pressing need for increased school accommodations has, we think, become fully recognized by the citizens of the town, and we are pleased to state that there is a prospect of a new building being erected in the near future.

The erection of a new building will enable the Committee to relieve the present overcrowded condition of the schools.

SCHOOL YEAR.

By vote the school year has been extended from thirty-six to forty weeks in all the schools.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION.

A class of sixteen pupils having completed the High School course, were awarded diplomas at the close of the graduation exercises in July last.

PROGRAMME.

PART FIRST.

1. ODE.
CLASS.
2. "SALVE."
HATTIE L. BOYDEN.
3. ESSAY—George B. McClellan.
C. EDWARD GENTER.
4. ESSAY—Two "Interiors" in our Literature.
LEONORA M. HALL.
5. DUET—"Land of the Swallows," Masini.
EVA M. and ETHEL M. BARKER.
6. ESSAY—Henry M. Stanley.
CHARLES A. HEWINS.
7. ESSAY—1492-1892.
MAUDE A. DALTON.
8. ESSAY—Agriculture.
ARTHUR I. MCPHERSON.
9. SONG—The Spring Time. Jane Sloman Torry.
SUSIE G. GANNETT.
10. ESSAY—One Hour in a Railway Station.
NELLIE L. MOYLE.
11. ESSAY—Our Government.
THOMAS C. TRUE.
12. SONG—"High School March," J. L. Frank.
CLASS.

PART SECOND.

1. ESSAY—"My Grandmother's Attic."
BERTHA A. DEEG.
 2. ORATION—English Rule in India.
ARTHUR L. MOYLE.
 3. SONG { (a) Pierrot, W. M. Hutchinson.
(b) Dutch Dolls, May Ostlers.
LEONORA M. HALL.
 4. ESSAY—Mozart.
ETHEL M. BARKER.
 5. ORATION—"Our Chancellor."
JESSE C. HAMBLY.
 6. SONG—"Onward Through the Waters."
MISSSES BARKER, HALL AND GANNETT.
 7. ESSAY—Shall I Read Novels?
FANNIE A. RAYNOLDS.
 8. ESSAY—"Looking Over My Shoulder."
SUSIE G. GANNETT.
 9. SONG—"Dashing on Before the Gale," Edwin Moore.
CLASS.
 10. ESSAY—"Seen in the Fire."
EVA M. BARKER.
 11. ORATION WITH VALEDICTORY—"The World is given as a
Prize to the Man in Earnest."
DAVID H. WESTON.
- AWARD OF DIPLOMAS.
PRAYER.

CLASS OF 1890.

CLASS MOTTO—"Virtue serves as an anchor."

SANFORD WATERS BILLINGS, A. M., , . . Principal.

Graduates.

JESSE CLINTON HAMBLY, President.

DAVID BRAINARD WESTON, Vice-President.

LEONORA MAY HALL, Secretary.

MAUDE ELIZABETH DALTON, Treasurer.

EVA MABEL BARKER.

ETHEL MAY BARKER.

HATTIE LOUISE BOYDEN.

BERTHA ANNA DEEG.

SUSIE GAY GANNETT.

CARL EDWARD GENTER.

CHARLES ALFRED HEWINS.

ARTHUR IRVING MCPHERSON.

ARTHUR LEE MOYLE.

NELLIE LOUISE MOYLE.

THOMAS CHARLES PRUE.

FANNIE ADELAIDE RAYNOLDS,

APPROPRIATIONS

The committee recommend that the town appropriate the following sums, viz :

For usual school expenses :

Salaries, care of buildings, fuel,	.	.	.	.	\$3300
For text books and supplies,	.	.	.	.	\$250
For repairs and incidentals,	.	.	.	.	\$250

On May 31st, 1890, and since our last annual report to the town, Mr. John M. Bullard, who was for many years a member of the School Committee, died of pneumonia, after a brief illness. Mr. Bullard had retired from the Board only a few weeks prior to his death, a position he had faithfully filled for twenty-five consecutive years, the greater part of which time he was Chairman of the Board. So long and honorable a service as a public official, renders it fitting that this record should be made as a recognition of his fidelity and devotion to the educational interests of the town.

The financial report embodying the receipts and expenditures of the School Committee is hereto appended.

CONCLUSION.

The town is to be congratulated on the prosperous condition of the schools. The primary object of the establishment of the public school system was and is to prepare the child for good citizenship. It is simply a training school for the duties of after life. Education is not creative. It is limited to the mental power of the pupil. This individuality cannot be changed, but by careful and proper training

in the public school the pupil can be taught to develop the utmost use of his mental faculties and thus firmly establish the foundation for a successful and honorable life.

In the school room far more than in some homes, the child is taught the principles of self-control, obedience, fidelity and reverence.

Stripped of all prejudice, therefore, the citizens of the town cannot fail to regard the welfare of the public school as the foremost of all public duties.

EDMUND H. TALBOT, CHAIRMAN,
LORING M. MONK, SECRETARY,
H. L. NARAMORE,
SILAS POOLE,
C. FRANK ALLEN.

Sharon, January 30, 1891.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

VOTED: That the report of Superintendent as presented be adopted as part of the report of the committee.

LORING M. MONK, SECRETARY.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF SHARON:—

Gentlemen:

In compliance with the requirement of your regulations, I respectfully submit my second annual report of the public schools under your charge.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

I. POPULATION.

Population of Sharon, census 1890,	1,630
Number of children between the ages of 5 and 15 residing in Sharon, May, 1890,	245
Increase from report of 1889,	31

II. SCHOOLS.

High,	1
Grammar,	1
Primary,	1
Ungraded,	4
Total,	7

III. TEACHERS.

High,	2
Grammar,	2
Primary,	1
Ungraded,	4
Total number of different teachers employed,	9

Number of teachers employed who are graduates of the Sharon High School,	2
Number of teachers employed who are graduates of a Normal School or college,	5
Number of teachers employed who have attended a Normal School or college,	6
Number of half days' absence of teachers,	8

IV. PUPILS.

Number of children between 5 and 15 years of age, May, 1890,	245
Increase,	31
Whole number of pupils registered in schools,	305
Increase,	40
Number of pupils registered between 5 and 8 years of age,	76
“ “ “ “ 8 “ 14 “ “	172
“ “ “ “ 14 “ 15 “ “	22
“ “ “ “ 15 “ 16 “ “	12
“ “ “ “ over 16 “ “	23
Total,	305
Average number of pupils belonging,	225.6
“ daily attendance,	197.3
“ per cent. of attendance to number belonging,	87.5
Number of half days' absence,	9,652
“ “ cases of tardiness,	855
“ “ “ “ truancy,	10

THE TRUE AIM OF EDUCATION.

Many at the present time deride an education which aims at culture rather than gain, and measure the value of education not by the intellectual power it gives to man but by the money it puts into his pocket. True, an education that is put to no use is of no value, but making money is only one of the many uses to which intellectual power may be put, and probably the lowest. Still taking the lowest

view, it can easily be shown that education pays. Statistics gathered from many states show that common school education increases one's wage-earning power fifty per cent., while a High School graduate earns twice the amount of the uneducated person, and the difference in favor of a college graduate is still more marked. What is sometimes called practical education, teaches a man to use tools; is skilful in reaching physical results, and ends in material advantage. This restricts man to one, and that a very limited, class of truths. Little regard is paid to one's intellectual or moral nature, its tendency is downward. The right use of education develops the higher powers, uses knowledge, not because knowledge is power but because the mind was created for the discernment of truth and seeks after knowledge as plants lean towards the light. This development of the inner life in intellectual and moral progress, ever leading upward and farther from the merely material, building a complete and perfect manhood, is the proper end of a true education. While we have in Sharon but few scholars so far advanced as to pursue purely intellectual studies, who are seeking culture for culture's sake, the trend should be kept clearly in view and the proper relations be maintained.

ATTENDANCE.

This must always be a matter of interest in considering schools. Even moderate success is hardly possible unless a good attendance is secured. Some of our teachers exhibit particular proficiency in securing this, both by their zealous work in the schools and by their personal efforts with individual pupils and parents. Teachers who have never given especial attention to this subject are not aware how much power they have in increasing the attendance and raising the standard of the school. In no department of school work will persistent effort and tact produce better results than here. Of course, much of the absence is really necessary, and of this no teacher will complain; but, looking at the totals for the year, we believe that one-half is due to indifference, parents not realizing the disastrous results. If all parents were fully awake to the great importance of this subject, to the influence they can exert upon the success of their children and the school, there would be a change for the better; for

we believe that if their attention be directed to the existing condition, the proper remedy will be applied and the evil removed. Again: Punctual and regular attendance is of first importance if we would have the children form good habits and receive the benefits, in a disciplinary and educational point of view, which the schools are prepared to give. There have been in our schools the past year 9,652 half days' absence; that is, there has been an average absence, for every school-day, of pupils sufficient to form a school of between twenty-five and thirty scholars. This is but a small part of the real loss, for the absence of a pupil from school to-day makes the loss of lessons to-morrow inevitable, because he does not know what the lessons of the morrow are to be, nor would he find time to learn them if he did. Many explanations are made by the teacher, removing difficulties in the lessons, which cannot be repeated. The loss of yesterday's lessons prevents his understanding that portion of to-day's lessons which depends upon that of yesterday. Should the teacher attempt the explanations of the day before, they are not comprehended for want of previous study, while the rest of the class are robbed of time rightly theirs. The progress of the class is checked, and both teacher and school suffer in reputation for failure due to absence rather than to defective teaching. Again: the absent pupil becomes interested in outside objects, and loses the incentive for study; his efforts become weak, his desire to excel diminishes, and he rapidly forms habits fatal to his scholarship as a boy and to his business success as a man.

MUSIC.

This subject seems worthy of special attention. The educational value of music, and more particularly vocal music, has been universally conceded by both theoretical and practical educators, as well as by statesmen and philanthropists. Its advantages are many and great and are shared by all. The existence of an individual having a natural incapacity for learning music, there is good reason to assert, is almost as rare as that of an individual who is born deaf and dumb. It enlivens the tediousness of a close application to study and the drill of the class-room. It cultivates habits of order, obedience, and

union. It is highly beneficial to the physical nature, while as a means of mental discipline it is superior. By cultivating the ear and voice it is a powerful auxiliary to distinct articulation and correct enunciation in reading. When children are trained to erect posture and the right use of the vocal organs, speaking, reading and singing are most invigorating exercises, expanding the chest, promoting deep breathing, quickening the circulation, and arousing both the physical and mental energies. If we seek that which is practical, the claims of music cannot be overlooked. "There are facts which do not relate exclusively to the senses, and there are practical things which belong to such facts. Those studies which inspire grand ideas and awaken beautiful sentiments, prominent among which is music, are as practical as those which teach to wield the pickaxe or to build a cotton mill." That course of study is best which provides for the training of all the faculties. Hence, school work should be arranged with reference not only to the actual amount of useful knowledge to be imparted, but to the physical, mental, and moral discipline of the student.

COURSE OF STUDY.

No revision of the course of study for the Grammar and Primary schools is attempted this year. A course of study is at best but a guide as to the principal subjects that should be used, and the present conditions of the pupils determine the particular manner of using the subject for the attainment of the best results. Due regard should be had to mental, physical and moral training, though naturally the greatest stress is laid upon the mental. The greatest skill, on the part of the teacher, is shown in so closely joining the unknown to the related known that the pupil may see plainly and think clearly. Without most carefully graded instruction the most elaborate course of study is useless. In presenting this course of study for the High School regard is had to the present conditions, and the course is designed for our present needs rather than to conform to some theoretical standard. An attempt has been made to have the strictly English course of equal educational value with the Latin, and we believe the present an opportune time to carry out such an attempt, and the course is in preparation.

To all those who, by their sympathy and co-operation show their interest in our schools, our most cordial thanks are due.

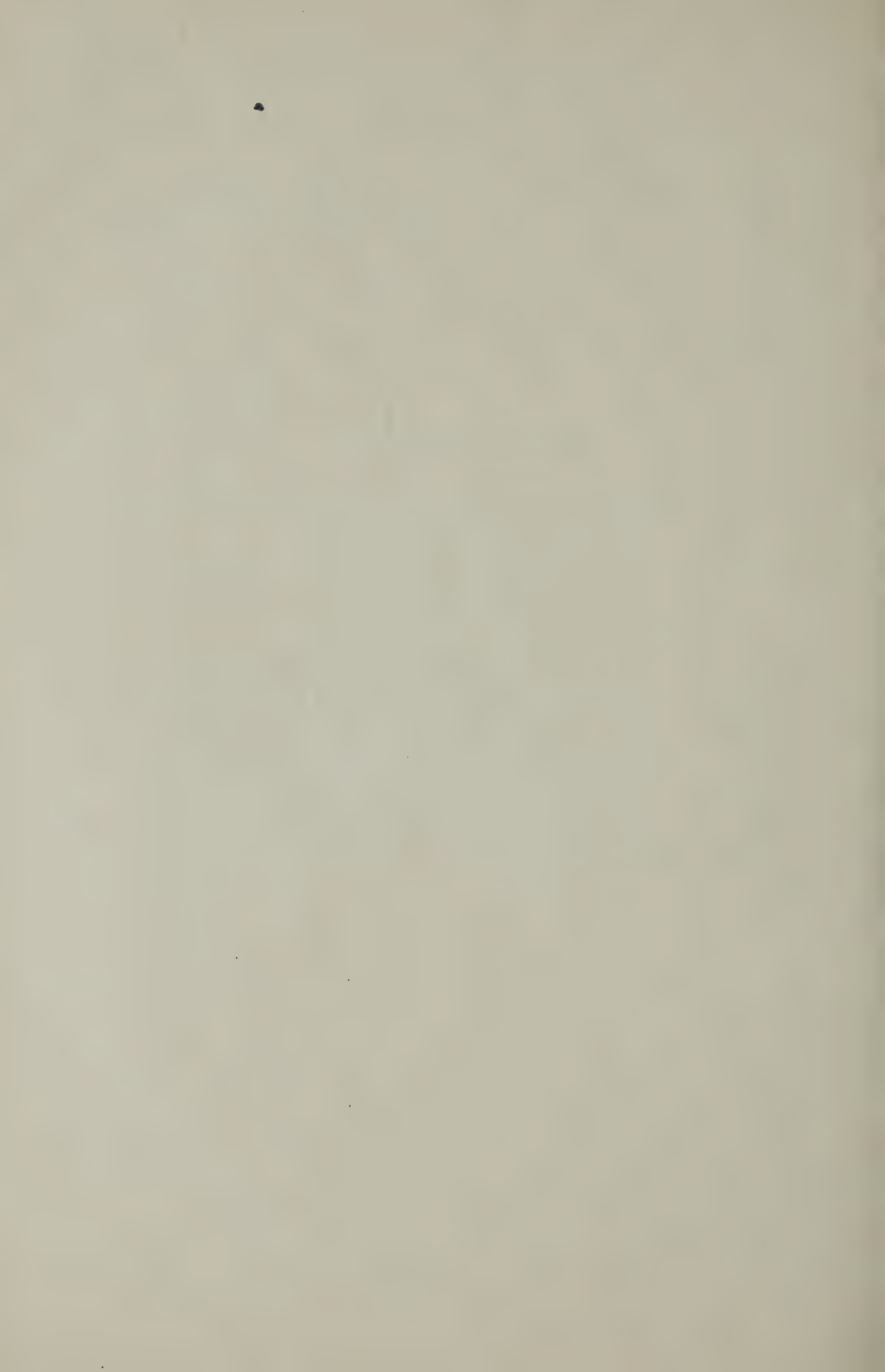
Respectfully submitted,

WILLARD T. LEONARD,
Superintendent of Schools.

Sharon, January 30, 1891.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

SCHOOLS.	Total No. enrolled.	Average No. bel'g.	Average Daily Att.	Per cent. of Att.	No. Half Days' Absence.	No. cases Tardy.	No. cases Truancy.	No. Visits by Supt.	No. V. by S. Com.	No. V. by others.	Salary per month.	TEACHERS. Jan., 1891.
High, . . .	43	25	23	92	854	146	0	19	17	91	\$60	Gracia E. Read.
Grammar, .	44	33.3	32.8	93	806	77	2	25	19	99	50	Emma R. Merrill.
Primary, . .	76	58	52	89	1812	107	7	19	13	128	50	Mary J. Kilborn.
North, . . .	33	22.8	19.3	84	1288	249	1	14	5	43	30	Annie M. Leonard.
South, . . .	17	14.5	11.8	82	1041	64	0	20	7	55	32	Aimee J. Howard.
East, . . .	58	41	36	88	1597	49	0	21	11	37	40	Annie B. Parker.
West, . . .	34	29	22.4	77	2254	163	0	17	5	7	30	Lizzie R. Hanlon.



RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC 31, 1890.

RECEIPTS.

Balance Jan. 1, 1890,	\$645 34
Received from State School Fund,	158 76
“ “ Sharon Friends' School Fund,	141 60
“ “ Dorchester and Surplus Revenue Fund,	153 00
“ “ Appropriations,	3,000 00
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	\$4,098 76

EXPENDITURES.

Paid S. W. Billings, teaching,	\$494 00
“ J. G. Sanford, “	80 00
“ Mary J. Kilborn, “	430 00
“ Lizzie R. Hanlon, “	266 00
“ Annie M. Leonard, “	266 00
“ Annie B. Parker, “	360 00
“ Annie B. Kimball, “	40 00
“ Emma R. Merrill, “	320 00
“ Aimee J. Howard, “	288 00
“ Gracia E. Reed, “	240 00
“ W. T. Leonard, Superintendent of Schools,	279 67
“ L. M. Monk, Secretary School Committee,	25 00
“ S. Davenport, work and care of school-room,	63 63
“ G. O. Deeg, care of school-house,	9 00
“ D. Dala, work and care of school-house,	23 00
“ C. E. Dorr, care of school-house,	24 00
“ J. E. Johnson, care of High School-room,	8 00
“ E. E. Johnson, care of East school-house,	8 00

Paid S. Hamilton, care of North school-house,	14 00
" J. M. Bullard, " " "	4 00
" " " wood, " "	6 50
" C. E. Howard, wood for school-houses,	96 14
" H. T. Leonard, coal " "	13 44
" Congregational Parish, rent of vestry,	35 00
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	\$3,393 38
Balance Jan. 1, 1891,	\$705 32

TEXT-BOOKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

RECEIPTS.

Balance Jan. 1, 1890,	\$21 40
Appropriation,	250 00
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	\$271 40

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Thorp & Adams,	\$1 19
" Bangs & Co.,	56
" Ware & Co.,	7 50
" Boston Supply Co.,	12 60
" W. C. Felkins,	3 00
" Harper & Brothers,	42 06
" King & Co.,	6 10
" " "	1 20
" Ginn & Co.,	3 17
" King & Co.,	5 15
" Boston Supply Co.,	20 10
" Barnes & Co.,	5 77
" King & Co.,	5 00
" Barnes & Co.,	3 00
" Harper & Brothers,	16 71
" King & Co.,	6 60
" Lippincott & Co.,	11 55
" J. H. Daniels,	15 00
" H. Hume,	3 00
" H. C. Kendall,	2 40
" Little & Brown,	5 85

Paid Geo. H. Perry,	1 50
" Boston Supply Co.,	9 68
" Babb & Co.,	2 78
" Ginn & Co.,	18 00
" Ware & Co.,	12 25
" Lee & Shepard,	12 00
" Houghton & Mifflin,	1 79
" King & Co.,	2 50
" Coates & Co.,	2 00
" Heath & Co.,	1 75
" Geo. S. Perry,	1 50
" W. T. Leonard,	53
" King & Co.,	8 15
" S. W. Billings, rent of school-room,	15 00
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	\$266 95
Balance Jan. 1, 1891,	\$4 45

REPAIRS AND INCIDENTALS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance Jan. 1, 1890,	\$57 27
Appropriation,	250 00
" Aug. 23, 1890,	200 00
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	\$507 27

EXPENDITURES.

Paid D. W. Pettee, bill,	\$10 16
" C. S. Curtis, repairs,	2 75
" W. T. Leonard, bill,	3 70
" C. E. Hall, painting,	2 50
" W. T. Leonard, sundry bills,	7 25
" W. R. Snow, repairs,	3 74
" H. L. Naramore, bill,	3 41
" H. A. Tamblyn, repairs,	2 94
" J. C. Hambly, bill and express,	11 65
" S. Hamilton, care of school-house,	6 00
" W. R. Snow, repairs,	24 52
" H. L. Naramore, bill,	2 55

Paid John O'Neil, repairs,	6 06
" E. H. Talbot, bill,	1 80
" H. A. Tamblyn, North school and vestry,	29 86
" L. M. Monk, ex.,	50
" C. E. Hall, painting,	71 99
" cleaning school-room,	3 00
" T. O'Leary, bill,	2 00
" C. E. Hall, painting,	13 70
" cleaning school-room,	1 00
" A. G. Whitcomb, bill furniture,	42 38
" C. S. Curtis, repairs,	15 63
" J. L. Hammett, school supplies,	25 88
" Paris Manufacturing Co.,	12 00
" Globe Furniture Co.,	129 40
" New Haven Clock Co.,	5 00
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	\$461 31
	\$45 96

